



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION**

TAMMY T. HILL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, *Acting Commissioner of
the Social Security Administration*,
Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:20-03573-MGL-MGB

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION,
REVERSING DEFENDANT’S DECISION TO DENY BENEFITS,
AND REMANDING THE CASE FOR FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

This is a Social Security appeal in which Plaintiff Tammy T. Hill seeks judicial review of the final decision of Defendant Kilolo Kijakazi (Kijakazi) denying her claim for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income. The matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge suggesting Kijakazi’s decision be reversed and this matter be remanded, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), for further administrative review. The Magistrate Judge filed the Report in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may

accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on December 3, 2021, and Kijakazi filed a reply on December 15, 2021, stating he would not be filing any objections to the Report. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note). Moreover, a failure to object waives appellate review. *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985).

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of the Court Kijakazi’s decision is **REVERSED** and this matter is **REMANDED**, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), for further administrative review.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 15th day of December, 2021, in Columbia, South Carolina.

/s/ Mary Geiger Lewis
MARY GEIGER LEWIS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE